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PROPOSALS FOR PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES IN KENT

The Commission have provisionally decided to allocate an extra, seventeenth, seat in Kent. This requires some major changes to be made to bring about a reduction in the size of the electorates of the current seats as well as to reduce the disparity between the electorates of the largest and smallest constituencies.

Provisional recommendations for parliamentary constituencies in the County of Kent will be published on 25 March 1993. These are part of the eighth set of recommendations to be published as part of the general review of parliamentary constituency boundaries announced by the Boundary Commission for England on 21 February 1991.

The provisional recommendations are listed below and are also shown on the attached outline map together with the ward electorate for the county on which the Commission are required by law to work.

Announcements being published in the local press give details of the recommendations and explain where maps illustrating the recommended changes are available for inspection by the public - usually at the district council offices.

The Commission wish to stress that these provisional recommendations relate solely to parliamentary constituencies and do not affect the structure or arrangements of local government (County, District, Town or Parish councils) or the services they provide.

Rules for Redistribution

The Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 places a limit on the total number of constituencies and also contains rules for redistribution of seats which in summary have the following effect. County and London Borough boundaries are to be followed so far as is practicable. Subject to these requirements, the electorates of constituencies are to be as nearly equal as possible, but the Commission can depart from these rules if special geographical considerations make this desirable, or if changes cause inconveniences or break local ties.

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The Act requires the Commission in considering the size of constituency electorates:

(a) to use the ward electorate figures on the enumeration date (as annexed to this news release), and

(b) to work to the electoral quota

throughout the period of the review. The electoral quota is arrived at by dividing the electorate in England on the enumeration date by the existing number of seats. The enumeration date is the date when the commencement of the general review was announced (21 February 1991). The electorate in England on the enumeration date was 36,302,984 which, when divided by the existing number of seats (524), produces an electoral quota of 69,281.

Representations

The Commission are required to consider representations about their provisional recommendations made within one month of local publication. These representations should be addressed to The Secretary, Boundary Commission for England, St Catherines House, 10 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6JP. In this case the representation period has been extended to 2 May 1993 to allow for the Easter holiday period.

Where representations objecting to the provisional recommendations are made by an interested local authority or by a body of 100 or more electors, the Commission cannot proceed with their final recommendations to the Home Secretary until a local inquiry has been held. If after the inquiry the Commission decide to alter their recommendations, the revised recommendations must also be published, but a further local inquiry is not obligatory.

Those who make representations are requested to say whether they approve of, or object to, the Commission's proposals and to give their reasons for their approval or objection. In particular, objectors are advised to say what they propose in place of the Commission's recommendations and should note that an objection accompanied by a counter-proposal is likely to carry more weight than a simple statement of objection.

Implementation of the recommendations

The Commission must submit their report on the general review for the whole of England by 31 December 1994. It is the Home Secretary's duty to lay the Commission's report before Parliament together with a draft Order in Council giving effect to the recommendations with or without modifications. The draft Order is submitted to both Houses of Parliament for approval and, after it is made, the new constituencies take effect at the next general election.

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PROVISIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Kent currently has sixteen constituencies with a 1991 parliamentary electorate of 1,155,045. This number of electors, when divided by the electoral quota (69,281), gives a theoretical entitlement to 16.67 seats. If sixteen seats were retained, the average constituency electorate in the county (the county average) would be 72,190, whereas with seventeen seats, the county average would be 67,944. The Commission have therefore decided to allocate seventeen seats to Kent.

The current distribution of sixteen constituencies in Kent allows a significant degree of alignment between constituency and district boundaries. The allocation of a seventeenth constituency to the county has the effect of reducing much of the opportunity for such alignment.

The Commission propose to make only minor alterations to the Gravesham and Dover seats to realign constituency and district boundaries following recent local government boundary changes. The Gravesham constituency is proposed to be coterminous with Gravesham Borough and the Dover constituency is proposed to contain twenty six wards in the south of Dover District. The Commission further propose that the Gillingham seat should be coterminous with Gillingham Borough.

The Commission noted that the only links between the Isle of Sheppey and the remainder of Swale Borough ran close to the town of Sittingbourne. The Commission further noted that the seventeen wards in the west of Swale Borough, including Sittingbourne and the Isle of Sheppey, could form a constituency with an electorate close to the county average, and this they propose.

Having decided that the electorate of the current Faversham seat needed to be reduced, the Commission considered which wards should be linked with the town of Faversham to form a new constituency. The Commission considered the alternatives of combining Faversham with the coastal towns of Whitstable and Herne Bay, or with the City of Canterbury, but rejected these options on the grounds that they would cause excessive disruption to the existing pattern of seats in East Kent. The Commission therefore propose to combine the eight wards in the east of Swale Borough, including the town of Faversham, with thirteen wards from the east of Maidstone Borough in a seat called Faversham with an electorate close to the county average.

The Commission also propose to reduce the electorate of the existing Canterbury seat, by including twenty one of the twenty five wards from the City of Canterbury and using the boundary between the City of Canterbury and Swale Borough as the constituency boundary. The Commission propose that the remaining four wards from the City of Canterbury, including Herne Bay, continue to be combined with wards from Thanet District in a North Thanet seat. The Commission noted the disparity in the electorates of the current North Thanet and South Thanet seats (8,340 on 1991 figures) and decided to reduce this by including the Salmestone ward of Thanet District in the South Thanet seat, with the remaining fourteen wards from Thanet District and the five remaining wards from the north of Dover District. The disparity between the two seats is therefore reduced to 943 and both seats are very close to the county average.

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The Commission noted that the current Ashford seat is coterminous with Ashford Borough and that the current Folkestone and Hythe seat is coterminous with Shepway District, apart from a minor change following a recent local government boundary change. The Commission further noted that if they were to recommend coterminous seats, there would be a disparity between the electorates of the two seats of 7,799, with the Ashford seat, which is the major forecast growth area of the county, having the second highest electorate of the recommended seats in Kent. The Commission therefore decided that they would reduce the electorate of the Ashford seat by including two wards from Ashford Borough (Aldington and Hamstreet) with Shepway District in the proposed Folkestone and Hythe seat. The electorates of the two seats would be closer to the county average and the disparity between them would be reduced to 2,047.

The Commission considered that the electorate of a Tunbridge Wells seat (realigned to take account of local government boundary changes to be coterminous with the Tunbridge Wells Borough) would be too high at 76,938. They therefore propose to create a Tunbridge Wells seat that contains nineteen wards from the west and centre of the Borough with an electorate close to the county average. The Commission further propose to combine the remaining five wards from the east of Tunbridge Wells Borough with the fifteen remaining wards from Maidstone Borough including the town of Maidstone in a Maidstone seat with an electorate close to the county average.

The Commission noted that the current Dartford and Sevenoaks seats have electorates that are over 4,000 above the county average. The Commission considered that the electorate of the current Dartford seat should be reduced by the transfer of the Sevenoaks District ward of Ash-cum-Ridley to the Sevenoaks seat. To reduce the electorate of the Sevenoaks seat, therefore, the Commission propose a seat that contains twenty five of the thirty two wards of Sevenoaks District.

The Commission noted that the current Tonbridge and Malling seat had an electorate that was over 11,000 above the county average and that although the seat was coterminous with Tonbridge and Malling Borough it would have to be reduced. The Commission considered that the five remaining wards from the south of Sevenoaks District should be combined with nineteen wards from the south of Tonbridge and Malling Borough in a Tonbridge and Malling seat with an electorate close to the county average.

The Commission propose that the remaining eight wards from the north of Tonbridge and Malling Borough should be combined with eight wards from the City of Rochester upon Medway, including Rochester and Strood, in a seat named Rochester. The remaining twelve wards of the City of Rochester upon Medway, including the town of Chatham and the Isle of Grain, will form a Medway seat.

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The composition of the seventeen constituencies provisionally recommended by the Commission would be (1991 electorates in brackets):

ASHFORD COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (69,337) The Borough of **Ashford** wards: Appledore, Ashford Bockhanger, Ashford Brookfield, Ashford Bybrook, Ashford Central, Ashford Eastmead, Ashford Hampden, Ashford Henwood, Ashford Kennington Lees, Ashford Musgrove, Ashford Queens, Ashford Singleton, Ashford South Willesborough, Ashford Spearpoint, Ashford Twelve Acres, Ashford Victoria Park, Ashford Warren, Ashford Waterside, Ashford Windmill, Ashford Willesborough Lees, Ashford Woolreeds, Bethersden, Biddenden, Boughton Aluph, Brabourne, Charing, Chilham, Great Chart, High Halden, Hothfield, Kingsnorth, Mersham, Pluckley, Rolvenden, Smarden, Stanhope, Tenterden East, Tenterden St Michaels, Tenterden South East, Tenterden West, Wittersham, Woodchurch, Wye.

CANTERBURY COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (72,680) The City of **Canterbury** wards: Barham Downs, Barton, Blean Forest, Chartham, Chestfield, Gorrell, Harbledown, Harbour, Little Stour, Marshside, Northgate, North Nailbourne, Seasalter, Stone Street, St Stephens, Sturry North, Sturry South, Swalecliffe, Tankerton, Westgate, Wincheap.

DARTFORD COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (68,319) The Borough of **Dartford**; The District of **Sevenoaks** wards: Fawkham and Hartley, Horton Kirby.

DOVER COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (69,646) The District of **Dover** wards: Aylesham, Barton, Buckland, Capel-le-Ferne, Castle, Cornilo, Eastry, Eythorne, Lower Walmer, Lydden and Temple Ewell, Maxton and Elms Vale, Middle Deal, Mill Hill, Mongeham, Noninstone, North Deal, Pineham, Priory, Ringwould, River, St Margaret's at Cliffe, St Radigunds, Shepherdswell with Coldred, Tower Hamlets, Town and Pier, Upper Walmer.

FAVERSHAM COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (66,379) The Borough of **Maidstone** wards: Bearsted, Boxley, Detling, Harrietsham and Lenham, Headcorn, Hollingbourne, Langley, Leeds, Park Wood, Shepway East, Shepway West, Sutton Valence, Thurnham; The Borough of **Swale** wards: Abbey, Boughton, Courtenay, Davington Priory, East Downs, St Ann's, Teynham and Lynsted, Watling.

FOLKESTONE AND HYTHE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (67,290) The Borough of **Ashford** wards: Aldington, Hamstreet; The District of **Shepway**.

GILLINGHAM BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (70,789) The Borough of **Gillingham**.

GRAVESHAM COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (70,514) The Borough of **Gravesham**.

MAIDSTONE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (71,009) The Borough of **Maidstone** wards: Allington, Barming, Boughton Monchelsea, Bridge, Coxheath, East, Farleigh, Heath, High Street, Loose, Marden, North, South, Staplehurst, Yalding; The Borough of **Tunbridge Wells** wards: Benenden, Cranbrook, Frittenden and Sissinghurst, Hawkhurst, Sandhurst.

MEDWAY COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (67,703) The City of **Rochester upon Medway** wards: All Saints, Frindsbury Extra, Holcombe, Hoo St Werburgh, Horsted, Lordswood, Luton, Thames Side, Town, Walderslade, Wayfield, Weedswood.

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NORTH THANET COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (67,996) The City of **Canterbury** wards: Herne, Heron, Reculver, West Bay; The District of **Thanet** wards: Birchington East, Birchington West, Cecil, Cliftonville, Dane Park, Ethelbert, Margate West, Marine, Northdown Park, Pier, Thanet Parishes, Westgate-on-Sea.

ROCHESTER COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (64,101) The City of **Rochester upon Medway** wards: Cuxton and Halling, Earl, Frindsbury, Rede Court, St Margarets and Borstal, Temple Farm, Troy Town, Warren Wood; The Borough of **Tonbridge and Malling** wards: Aylesford, Blue Bell Hill, Burham, Eccles and Wouldham, Ditton, Larkfield North, Larkfield South, Snodland East, Snodland West.

SEVENOAKS COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (66,706) The District of **Sevenoaks** wards: Ash-cum-Ridley, Brasted, Chevening, Crockenhill and Lullingstone, Dunton Green, Eynsford, Farningham, Halstead, Knockholt and Badgers Mount, Hextable and Swanley Village, Kemsing, Otford, Riverhead, Seal, Sevenoaks Kippington, Sevenoaks Northern, Sevenoaks Town and St John's, Sevenoaks Weald and Underriver, Sevenoaks Wildernesse, Shoreham, Sundridge and Ide Hill, Swanley Christchurch, Swanley St Mary's, Swanley White Oak, Westerham and Crockham, West Kingsdown.

SITTINGBOURNE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (65,141) The Borough of **Swale** wards: Borden, Eastern, Grove, Hartlip and Upchurch, Iwade and Lower Halstow, Kemsley, Milton Regis, Minster Cliffs, Murston, Newington, Queenborough and Halfway, Roman, Sheerness East, Sheerness West, Sheppey Central, West Downs, Woodstock.

SOUTH THANET COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (67,053) The District of **Dover** wards: Ash, Little Stour, Sandwich, Woodnesborough with Staple, Worth; The District of **Thanet** wards: Beacon Road, Bradstowe, Central Eastcliff, Central Westcliff, Kingsgate, Minster Parish, Newington, Northwood, Pierremont, St Lawrence, St Peter's, Salmestone, Sir Moses Montefiore, Southwood, Upton.

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (64,102) The District of **Sevenoaks** wards: Edenbridge North, Edenbridge South, Leigh, Penshurst and Fordcombe, Somerden; The Borough of **Tonbridge and Malling** wards: Birling, Leybourne and Ryarsh, Borough Green, Cage Green, Castle, East Malling, East Peckham, Hadlow, Higham, Hildenborough, Ightham, Judd, Long Mill, Medway, Oast, Trench, Vauxhall, Wateringbury, West Malling, West Peckham and Mereworth, Wrotham.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (66,280) The Borough of **Tunbridge Wells** wards: Brenchley, Capel, Culverdon, Goudhurst, Horsmonden, Lamberhurst, Paddock Wood, Pantiles, Park, Pembury, Rusthall, St James', St John's, St Mark's, Sherwood, Southborough East, Southborough North, Southborough West, Speldhurst and Bidborough.

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INSPECTION A copy of these recommendations with a map illustrating the proposals may be inspected at:-

ASHFORD	Council Offices, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford
CANTERBURY	Council Offices, Military Road, Canterbury
CHATHAM	Reference Library, Riverside, Chatham
CRANBROOK	Council Offices, High Street, Cranbrook
DARTFORD	Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford
DEAL	Area Office, Town Hall, Deal
DOVER	Council Offices, Whitecliffs Business Park, Honeywood Road, Whitfield, Dover
FAVERSHAM	Public Library, Newton Road, Faversham
GILLINGHAM	Municipal Buildings, Gillingham
GRAVESEND	Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend
HERNE BAY	District Offices, William Street, Herne Bay
HYTHE	Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe
MAIDSTONE	Council Offices, London House, 5-11 London Road, Maidstone
MARGATE	Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate
NEW ROMNEY	Town Hall, New Romney
RAMSGATE	District Office, Queen Street, Ramsgate
ROCHESTER	Civic Centre, Strood, Rochester,
SEVENOAKS	Council Offices, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks
SHEERNESS	Public Library, Trinity Road, Sheerness
SITTINGBOURNE	Public Library, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne
SWANLEY	Public Library, St Mary's Road, Swanley
TENTERDEN	Public Library, The Pebbles, High Street, Tenterden
TONBRIDGE	Council Offices, Tonbridge Castle, Tonbridge
TUNBRIDGE WELLS	Town Hall, Tunbridge Wells
WEST MALLING	Council Offices, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, The Air Station, West Malling
WHITSTABLE	District Offices, 49 Harbour Street, Whitstable

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KENT WARD ELECTORATES TO BE USED THROUGHOUT THE REVIEW

ASHFORD	72213
Aldington	1134
Appledore	746
Ashford Bockhanger	2386
Ashford Brookfield	1565
Ashford Bybrook	1424
Ashford Central	2882
Ashford Eastmead	1674
Ashford Hampden	1213
Ashford Henwood	1236
Ashford Kennington Lees	1662
Ashford Musgrove	1353
Ashford Queens	1437
Ashford Singleton	2256
Ashford South Willesborough	2152
Ashford Spearpoint	1306
Ashford Twelve Acres	1313
Ashford Victoria Park	1294
Ashford Warren	1441
Ashford Waterside	1219
Ashford Windmill	1377
Ashford Willesborough Lees	2822
Ashford Woolreeds	1347
Bethersden	1040
Biddenden	1820
Boughton Aluph	1379
Brabourne	1499
Charing	2237
Chilham	1658
Great Chart	1910
Hamstreet	1742
High Halden	1060
Hothfield	1218
Kingsnorth	2896
Mersham	1662
Pluckley	917
Rolvenden	1380
Smarden	1683
Stanhope	2677
Tenterden East	1533
Tenterden St Michaels	1755
Tenterden South East	1313
Tenterden West	1139
Wittersham	1175
Woodchurch	1438
Wye	1843

CANTERBURY	98556
Barham Downs	2172
Barton	5239
Blean Forest	2292
Chartham	2176
Chestfield	4291
Gorrell	4209
Harbledown	1629
Harbour	3486
Herne	8119
Heron	5824
Little Stour	1824
Marshside	1928
Northgate	5459
North Nailbourne	2025
Reculver	6979
Seasalter	5334
Stone Street	1553
St Stephens	7267
Sturry North	1864
Sturry South	2583
Swalecliffe	2977
Tankerton	3161
West Bay	4954
Westgate	6164
Wincheap	5047

DARTFORD	61086
Bean	1241
Brent	3930
Darenth	2762
Galley Hill	2307
Greenhithe	2448
Gundulf	3189
Heath	4168
Horns Cross	1143
Joyce Green	2534
Littlebrook	3090
Longfield	3940
Maypole	2751
Miskin	2183
Newtown	3688
Princes	4039
Priory	1385
Southfleet	991
Stone	4225
Sutton-at-Hone and Hawley	3174
Swanscombe	2343
Wilmington Central	1775
Wilmimgton East	1317
Wilmington West	2463

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DOVER	80212
Ash	2211
Aylesham	3020
Barton	3197
Buckland	3531
Capel-le-Ferne	2281
Castle	2371
Cornilo	1527
Eastry	1763
Eythorne	1815
Little Stour	1944
Lower Walmer	4065
Lydden and Temple Ewell	1946
Maxton and Elms Vale	2833
Middle Deal	5048
Mill Hill	2888
Mongeham	3135
Noninstone	1119
North Deal	4795
Pineham	4142
Priory	2625
Ringwould	1588
River	2957
St Margaret's at Cliffe	2434
St Radigunds	2335
Sandwich	3824
Shepherdswell with Coldred	1739
Tower Hamlets	2832
Town and Pier	1758
Upper Walmer	1902
Woodnesborough with Staple	1173
Worth	1414

GILLINGHAM	70789
Beechings	4740
Brompton	4180
Hempstead and Wigmore	7061
Medway	5006
North	4189
Park Wood	6001
Priestfield	4650
Rainham	4637
Rainham Mark	5875
Riverside	4762
St Margaret's	6530
South	4012
Twydall	4456
Watling Street	4690

GRAVESHAM	70514
Central	3412
Chalk	2077
Cobham and Luddesdown	1210
Coldharbour	3252
Higham	3231
Istead	3006
Meopham North	3558
Meopham South	3086
Northfleet East	4683
Northfleet West	4737
Painters Ash	3885
Pelham	4291
Riverside	3945
Riverview	5114
Shorne	1790
Singlewell	4700
Westcourt	4398
Whitehill	4953
Woodlands	5186

MAIDSTONE	103606
Allington	5030
Barming	1902
Bearsted	4824
Boughton Monchelsea	2005
Boxley	6038
Bridge	6162
Coxheath	3188
Detling	1417
East	5888
Farleigh	1382
Harrietsham and Lenham	3743
Headcorn	3327
Heath	5614
High Street	4465
Hollingbourne	1092
Langley	2958
Leeds	1848
Loose	1881
Marden	3625
North	5324
Park Wood	5156
Shepway East	4883
Shepway West	4628
South	6709
Staplehurst	4322
Sutton Valence	1320
Thurnham	2021
Yalding	2854

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ROCHESTER UPON MEDWAY	106277
All Saints	3308
Cuxton and Halling	3653
Earl	4581
Frindsbury	5483
Frindsbury Extra	3740
Holcombe	6379
Hoo St Werburgh	5319
Horsted	5725
Lordswood	8385
Luton	5919
Rede Court	3843
St Margarets and Borstal	5344
Temple Farm	6187
Thames Side	5139
Town	5903
Troy Town	4487
Walderslade	9243
Warren Wood	4996
Wayfield	4329
Weedswood	4314

SHEPWAY	64414
Dymchurch and Burmarsh	2865
Elham	1055
Folkestone Central	2546
Folkestone Cheriton	4015
Folkestone East	2887
Folkestone Foord	3252
Folkestone Harbour	3204
Folkestone Harvey	3476
Folkestone Morehall	3379
Folkestone Park	4323
Folkestone Sandgate	3023
Hawkinge and Paddlesworth	1397
Hythe East	2840
Hythe North	2279
Hythe South	2341
Hythe West	2772
Lydd	3664
Lympne and Stanford	1215
Marsh	1085
New Romney	4442
St Mary in the Marsh	2700
Saltwood and Newington	813
Sellindge	1167
Stone Street	2682
Swingfield and Acrise	992

SEVENOAKS	84599
Ash-cum-Ridley	5126
Brasted	1056
Chevening	2259
Crockenhill and Lullingstone	1350
Dunton Green	1246
Edenbridge North	2502
Edenbridge South	3449
Eynsford	1473
Farningham	1057
Fawkham and Hartley	4921
Halstead, Knockholt and Badgers Mount	2752
Hextable and Swanley Village	3637
Horton Kirby	2312
Kemsing	3151
Leigh	1146
Otford	2608
Penshurst and Fordcombe	1229
Riverhead	1487
Seal	1553
Sevenoaks Kippington	3515
Sevenoaks Northern	3199
Sevenoaks Town and St John's	4392
Sevenoaks Weald and Underriver	1209
Sevenoaks Wildernesse	2998
Shoreham	1164
Somerden	2334
Sundridge and Ide Hill	1450
Swanley Christchurch	4262
Swanley St Mary's	3278
Swanley White Oak	5044
Westerham and Crockham	3117
West Kingsdown	4323

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SWALE	88265
Abbey	3001
Borden	1887
Boughton	1443
Courtenay	1685
Davington Priory	2947
East Downs	2380
Eastern	3534
Grove	5370
Hartlip and Upchurch	2055
Iwade and Lower Halstow	1628
Kemsley	2481
Milton Regis	4338
Minster Cliffs	4988
Murston	4973
Newington	1944
Queenborough and Halfway	5646
Roman	5690
St Ann's	4234
Sheerness East	3864
Sheerness West	4731
Sheppey Central	3612
Teynham and Lynsted	4230
Watling	3204
West Downs	2134
Woodstock	6266

THANET	98607
Beacon Road	3375
Birchington East	5028
Birchington West	3346
Bradstowe	3176
Cecil	1787
Central Eastcliff	5144
Central Westcliff	5891
Cliftonville	6145
Dane Park	3581
Ethelbert	1741
Kingsgate	1803
Margate West	5235
Marine	1716
Minster Parish	2448
Newington	3597
Northdown Park	4345
Northwood	5207
Pier	2182
Pierremont	2794
St Lawrence	3496
St Peter's	4662
Salmestone	3736
Sir Moses Montefiore	2899
Southwood	3887
Thanet Parishes	1468
Upton	4372
Westgate-on-Sea	5546

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TONBRIDGE AND MALLING	78969
Aylesford	3485
Birling, Leybourne and Ryarsh	3190
Blue Bell Hill	3069
Borough Green	2769
Burham, Eccles and Wouldham	2761
Cage Green	3194
Castle	3101
Ditton	3702
East Malling	3090
East Peckham	2541
Hadlow	2682
Higham	4352
Hildenborough	3718
Ightham	1269
Judd	3472
Larkfield North	2591
Larkfield South	3378
Long Mill	2787
Medway	2731
Oast	1329
Snodland East	2873
Snodland West	3668
Trench	3992
Vauxhall	3340
Wateringbury	1355
West Malling, West Peckham and Mereworth	3116
Wrotham	1414

TUNBRIDGE WELLS	76938
Benenden	1265
Brenchley	2131
Capel	1709
Cranbrook	3484
Culverdon	4161
Frittenden and Sissinghurst	1620
Goudhurst	1954
Hawkhurst	3284
Horsmonden	1473
Lamberhurst	1073
Paddock Wood	5335
Pantiles	3955
Park	4181
Pembury	4550
Rusthall	4593
St James'	4300
St John's	4832
St Mark's	4056
Sandhurst	1005
Sherwood	5177
Southborough East	2655
Southborough North	3435
Southborough West	2299
Speldhurst and Bidborough	4411

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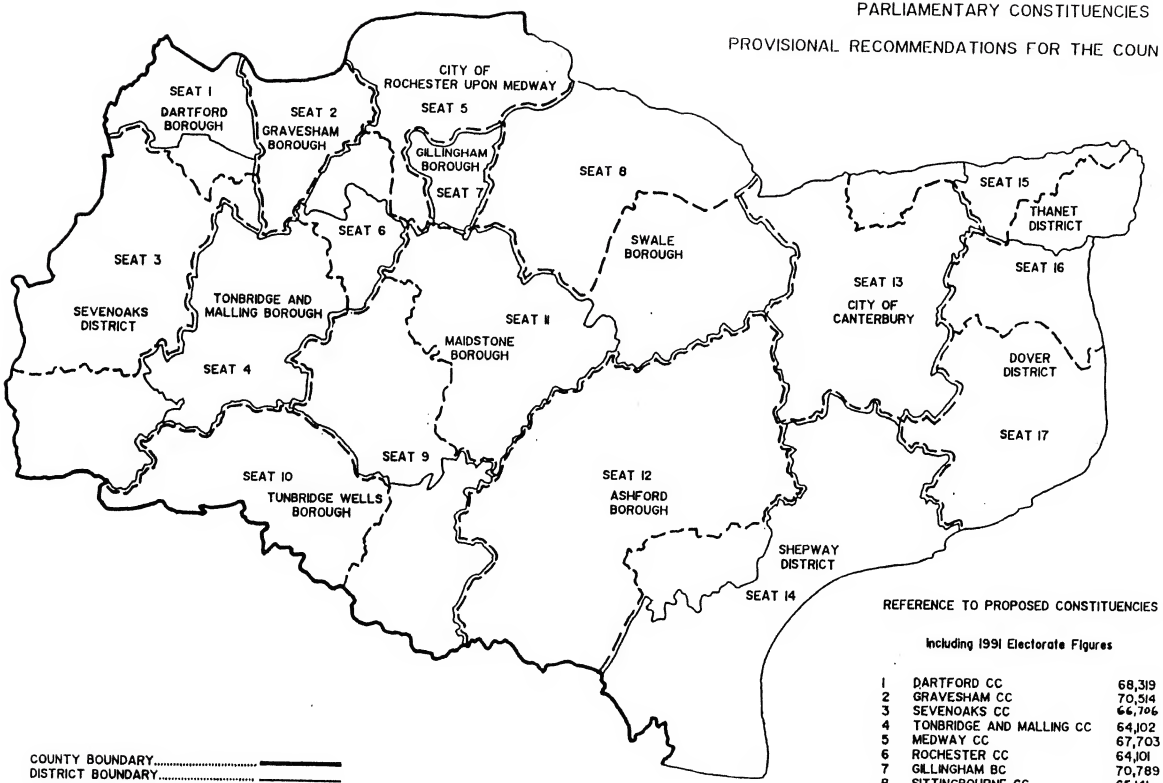
PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES

PROVISIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT



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REFERENCE TO PROPOSED CONSTITUENCIES

Including 1991 Electorate Figures

1	DARTFORD CC	68,319
2	GRAVESHAM CC	70,514
3	SEVENOAKS CC	66,706
4	TONBRIDGE AND MALLING CC	64,102
5	MEDWAY CC	67,703
6	ROCHESTER CC	64,101
7	GILLINGHAM BC	70,789
8	SITTINGBOURNE CC	65,141
9	MAIDSTONE CC	71,009
10	TUNBRIDGE WELLS CC	66,280
11	FAVERSHAM CC	66,379
12	ASHFORD CC	66,337
13	CANTERBURY CC	72,680
14	FOLKESTONE AND HYTHE CC	67,290
15	NORTH THANET CC	67,996
16	SOUTH THANET CC	67,053
17	DOVER CC	69,646

BC = Borough Constituency CC = County Constituency

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PROPOSALS FOR PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES IN TYNE AND WEAR

The Commission have provisionally decided to make some adjustments to eleven of the thirteen existing seats in the county to reduce the disparity in electorates.

Provisional recommendations for parliamentary constituencies in the County of Tyne and Wear will be published on 25 March 1993. These are part of the eighth set of recommendations to be published as part of the general review of parliamentary constituency boundaries announced by the Boundary Commission for England on 21 February 1991.

The provisional recommendations are listed below and are also shown on the attached outline map together with the ward electorate for the county on which the Commission are required by law to work.

Announcements being published in the local press give details of the recommendations and explain where maps illustrating the recommended changes are available for inspection by the public -usually at the district council offices.

The Commission wish to stress that these provisional recommendations relate solely to parliamentary constituencies and do not affect the structure or arrangements of local government (District, Town or Parish councils) or the services they provide.

Rules for Redistribution

The Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 places a limit on the total number of constituencies and also contains the rules for redistribution of seats which in summary have the following effect. County and London Borough boundaries are to be followed so far as is practicable. Subject to these requirements, the electorates of constituencies are to be as nearly equal as possible, but the Commission can depart from these rules if special geographical considerations make this desirable, or if changes cause inconveniences or break local ties.

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The Act requires the Commission in considering the size of constituency electorates:

(a) to use the ward electorate figures on the enumeration date (as annexed to this news release), and

(b) to work to the electoral quota throughout the period of the general review.

The electoral quota is arrived at by dividing the electorate of England on the enumeration date by the existing number of seats. The enumeration date is the date when the commencement of the general review was announced (21 February 1991). The electorate in England on the enumeration date was 36,302,984 which, when divided by the existing number of seats (524), produces an electoral quota of 69,281.

Representations

The Commission are required to consider representations about their provisional recommendations made within one month of local publication. These representations should be addressed to The Secretary, Boundary Commission for England, St Catherines House, 10 Kingsway, London WC2B 6JP. In this case the representation period ends on 2 May 1993 to allow for the Easter holiday period.

Where representations objecting to the provisional recommendations are made by an interested local authority or by a body of 100 or more electors, the Commission cannot proceed with their final recommendations to the Home Secretary until a local inquiry has been held. If after the inquiry the Commission decide to alter their recommendations, the revised recommendations must also be published, but a further local inquiry is not obligatory.

Those who make representations are requested to say whether they approve of, or object to, the Commission's proposals and to give their reasons for their approval or objection. In particular, objectors are advised to say what they propose in place of the Commission's recommendations and should note that an objection accompanied by a counter-proposal is likely to carry more weight than a simple statement of objection.

Implementation of the recommendations

The Commission must submit their report on the general review for the whole of England by 31 December 1994. It is the Home Secretary's duty to lay the Commission's report before Parliament together with a draft Order in Council giving effect to the recommendations with or without modifications. The draft Order is submitted to both Houses of Parliament for approval and, after it is made, the new constituencies take effect at the next general election.

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Provisional Recommendations

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Tyne and Wear currently has thirteen constituencies with a 1991 parliamentary electorate of 876,932. This number of electors, when divided by the electoral quota (69,281), gives a theoretical entitlement to 12.66 seats. The Commission therefore propose that the county should retain thirteen seats. With thirteen seats, the average constituency electorate in the county (the county average) is 67,456. The electorates of the existing constituencies range from 53,972 (Tyne Bridge) to 79,892 (Houghton and Washington); a large disparity of 25,920 which needs to be reduced.

The Commission noted that if the allocation of seats was related independently to the theoretical entitlement of the five Metropolitan Districts which comprise Tyne and Wear, the total allocation of seats to the county would be twelve and the county average would be 73,078. The allocation of only twelve seats to the county would have lessened the problem of achieving a reduced disparity between seats either side of the River Tyne, since this would result in five seats north of the Tyne and seven south with average electorates of 73,262 and 72,946 respectively.

Given their decision to allocate thirteen seats however, the Commision noted that if the Tyne were not crossed the inevitable result would be large seats north of the river and small seats south with a large disparity between them. The constituency averages north and south of the river being 73,248 (five seats) and 63,828 (eight seats) respectively. This produces a disparity between average electorates on either side of the Tyne of 9,420, a figure which is not achievable in practice due to the large electorates of the wards in the county. The Commission decided therefore to propose the retention of a Tyne Bridge seat which currently combines four wards of the City of Newcastle with four wards of Gateshead Borough. The Commission further propose the addition of the Gateshead Borough wards of Deckham and Saltwell (transferred from Gateshead East) to bring the electorate of Tyne Bridge close to the county average.

The Commission recognised that the electorate of the current Houghton and Washington seat was just under 80,000 and needs to be reduced. They noted that the four Washington wards within the seat each contained large electorates and that they could not all remain in the same seat without creating a large disparity and causing considerable disruption and breaking of local ties elsewhere.

The Commission propose that the Washington West and Washington South wards should combine with six wards in the current Gateshead East seat to form a Gateshead East and Washington West seat with an electorate close to the county average and electoral quota.

The Commission further propose that the Washington East and Washington North wards should remain with the other wards of the current Houghton and Washington seat, but also combine with the Castletown and Town End Farm wards of the current Sunderland North seat to form a Houghton and Washington East seat, also with an electorate close to the county average and electoral quota.

The Commission's proposal that the Castletown and Town End Farm wards should be transferred from Sunderland North facilitates (with the proposed transfer of the Thornholme ward from Sunderland South to Sunderland North)

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the reduction of both Sunderland seats, which are currently both over 6,000 above the county average.

The Commission also propose to bring the low electorate of the South Shields seat closer to the county average and the electoral quota by the transfer of the Biddick Hall ward of South Tyneside Borough from Jarrow. The Commission further propose the transfer of the Wrekendyke ward of Gateshead Borough from Gateshead East to Jarrow to bring Jarrow also closer to the county average and the electoral quota.

The Commission also noted that the electorates of the Tynemouth and Wallsend seats (currently 75,601 and 78,454 respectively) need to be reduced, whilst the electorates within the Newcastle upon Tyne East and Newcastle upon Tyne Central seats (currently 57,572 and 60,737 respectively) need to be increased. They therefore propose the transfer of the Riverside ward of North Tyneside Borough from Tynemouth to Wallsend (renamed North Tyneside) and the transfers of the Northumberland and Wallsend wards of North Tyneside Borough to Newcastle upon Tyne East (renamed Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend).

The Commission further propose the transfer of the Sandyford ward of the City of Newcastle from the current Newcastle upon Tyne East seat to Newcastle upon Tyne Central.

The net effect of the transfers of the thirteen wards detailed above would result in all thirteen constituencies provisionally recommended by the Commission being within 7% of the electoral quota and 5% of the county average and the disparity between the highest and lowest constituency would be reduced from 26,598 to 5,841.

The existing Blaydon and Newcastle upon Tyne North constituencies have electorates close to the county average and electorate quota. The Commission considered that no changes need to be made to these two seats, other than minor changes to realign the constituency boundaries with altered local government boundaries.

The Commission recommend (1991 electorate in brackets):

BLAYDON BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (66,792) The Borough of **Gateshead** wards: Birtley, Blaydon, Chopwell and Rowlands Gill, Crawcrook and Greenside, Lamesley, Ryton, Whickham North, Whickham South, Winlaton.

GATESHEAD EAST AND WASHINGTON WEST BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (67,822) The Borough of **Gateshead** wards: Chowdene, Felling, High Fell, Leam, Low Fell, Pelaw and Heworth; The City of **Sunderland** wards:
Washington South, Washington West.

HOUGHTON AND WASHINGTON EAST BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (71,466) The City of **Sunderland** wards: Castletown, Eppleton, Hetton, Houghton, Shiney Row, Town End Farm, Washington East, Washington North.

JARROW BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (65,577) The Borough of **South Tyneside** wards: Bede, Boldon Colliery, Cleadon and East Boldon, Fellgate and Hedworth, Hebburn Quay, Hebburn South, Monkton, Primrose, Whitburn and Marsden; The Borough of **Gateshead** ward: Wrekendyke.

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NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE CENTRAL BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (69,376) The City of **Newcastle** wards: Blakelaw, Fenham, Jesmond, Kenton, Moorside, South Gosforth, Wingrove, Sandyford.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE EAST AND WALLSEND BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (65,989) The City of **Newcastle** wards: Byker, Dene, Heaton, Monkchester, Walker, Walkergate. The Borough of **North Tyneside** wards: Northumberland, Wallsend.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NORTH BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (67,356) The City of **Newcastle** wards: Castle, Denton, Fawdon, Grange, Lemington, Newburn, Westerhope, Woolsington.

NORTH TYNESIDE BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (68,368) The Borough of **North Tyneside** wards: Battle Hill, Benton, Camperdown, Holystone, Howdon, Longbenton, Riverside, Valley, Weetslade.

SOUTH SHIELDS BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (65,863) The Borough of **South Tyneside** wards: All Saints, Beacon and Bents, Biddick Hall, Cleadon Park, Harton, Horsley Hill, Rekendyke, Tyne Dock and Simonside, Westoe, West Park, Whiteleas.

SUNDERLAND NORTH BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (67,721) The City of **Sunderland** wards: Central, Colliery, Fulwell, Pallion, St Peters, South Hylton, Southwick, Thornholme.

SUNDERLAND SOUTH BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (64,901) The City of **Sunderland** wards: Grindon, Hendon, Ryhope, St Chad's, St Michael's, Silksworth, Thorney Close.

TYNE BRIDGE BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (67,085) The Borough of **Gateshead** wards: Bede, Bensham, Deckham, Dunston, Saltwell, Teams. The City of **Newcastle** wards: Benwell, Elswick, Scotswood, West City.

TYNEMOUTH BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (68,616) The Borough of **North Tyneside** wards: Chirton, Collingwood, Cullercoats, Monkseaton, North Shields, Seatonville, St Mary's, Tynemouth, Whitley Bay.

INSPECTION A copy of this notice with a map illustrating the proposals may be inspected at:-

BLAYDON	Gateshead Borough Council Office, Blaydon District Office, Shibdon Road, Blaydon.
GATESHEAD	Gateshead Borough Council Offices, The Civic Centre, Regents Street, Gateshead.
HOUGHTON LE SPRING	City of Sunderland Council Office, Houghton Office, The Broadway, Houghton le Spring.
KILLINGWORTH	Killingworth Library, Communicare Centre, Citadel East, Killingworth.
JARROW	South Tyneside Borough Council Offices, Town Hall, Grange Road, Jarrow.

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NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	City of Newcastle upon Tyne Council Offices, The Civic Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne. Gosforth Library, Regent Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne.
NORTH SHIELDS	North Tyneside Borough Council Offices, 14 Northumberland Square, North Shields.
SOUTH SHIELDS	South Tyneside Borough Council Offices, Town Hall and Civic Offices, Westoe Road, South Shields.
SUNDERLAND	City of Sunderland Council Offices, The Civic Centre, Sunderland.
WALLSEND	Wallsend Library, Ferndale Avenue, Wallsend.
WASHINGTON	City of Sunderland Council Office, Washington Area Office, Washington Village, Washington.

Enquiries

Should you require further information concerning these provisional recommendations or about other aspects of the Commission's work please write to:

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TYNE AND WEAR WARD ELECTORATES TO BE USED THROUGHOUT THE REVIEW

GATESHEAD BOROUGH	159429
Bede	6538
Bensham	5600
Birtley	6711
Blaydon	7273
Chopwell and Rowlands Gill	7675
Chowdene	7544
Crawcrook and Greenside	7259
Deckham	5900
Dunston	7716
Felling	6897
High Fell	6695
Lamesley	6655
Leam	7902
Low Fell	7958
Pelaw and Heworth	7066
Ryton	7242
Saltwell	7213
Teams	7512
Whickham North	8330
Whickham South	8778
Winlaton	6869
Wrekendyke	8096

CITY OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	212271
Benwell	7193
Blakelaw	9590
Byker	7121
Castle	8938
Dene	10680
Denton	8487
Elswick	7102
Fawdon	7779
Fenham	8278
Grange	9513
Heaton	8718
Jesmond	9329
Kenton	7826
Lemington	8162
Monkchester	6970
Moorside	8724
Newburn	7566
Sandyford	8639
Scotswood	6544
South Gosforth	8215
Walker	6904
Walkergate	8540
West City	5767
Westerhope	10299

CITY OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE (continued)	
Wingrove	8775
Woolsington	6612

NORTH TYNESIDE BOROUGH	154040
Battle Hill	9529
Benton	6997
Camperdown	7212
Chirton	6981
Collingwood	8130
Cullercoats	8113
Holystone	9063
Howdon	6634
Longbenton	6531
Monkseaton	7425
North Shields	8033
Northumberland	9389
Riverside	6985
St Mary's	7540
Seatonville	7379
Tynemouth	7383
Valley	7547
Wallsend	7667
Weetslade	7870
Whitley Bay	7632

SOUTH TYNESIDE BOROUGH	123344
All Saints	6410
Beacon and Bents	6050
Bede	6129
Biddick Hall	5766
Boldon Colliery	6976
Cleadon and East Boldon	6940
Cleadon Park	5609
Fellgate and Hedworth	6942
Harton	5803
Hebburn Quay	5705
Hebburn South	5007
Horsley Hill	6541
Monkton	6711
Primrose	7072
Rekendyke	5896
Tyne Dock and Simonside	5067
Westoe	6357
West Park	6147
Whitburn and Marsden	5999
Whiteleas	6217

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CITY OF SUNDERLAND	**227848**
Castletown	7835
Central	9534
Colliery	7941
Eppleton	9102
Fulwell	8423
Grindon	8732
Hendon	9516
Hetton	9377
Houghton	8598
Pallion	9037
Ryhope	9868
St Chad's	8542
St Michael's	8965
St Peter's	7978
Shiney Row	9799
Silksworth	10308
South Hylton	8254
Southwick	7831
Thorney Close	8970
Thornholme	8723
Town End Farm	6821
Washington East	10877
Washington North	9057
Washington South	13926
Washington West	9834

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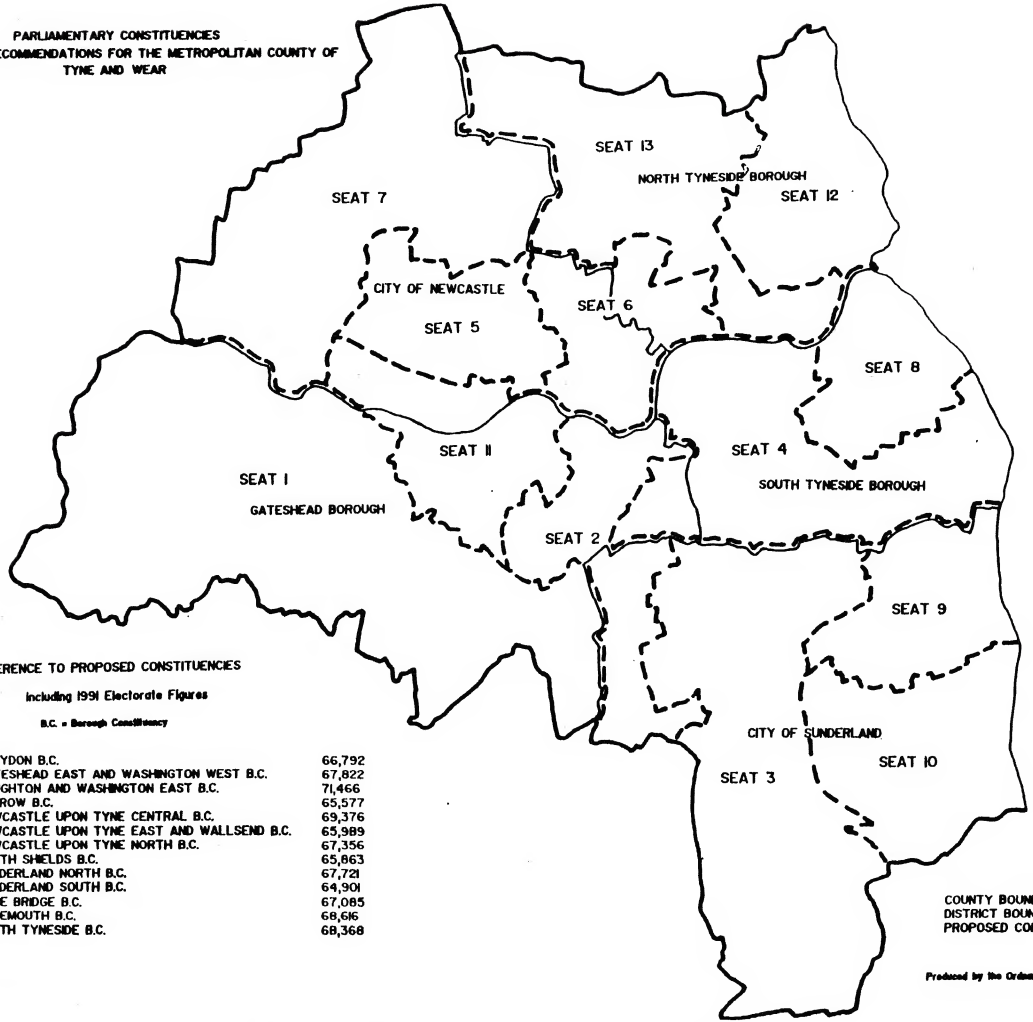

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